

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. released the following statement tonight on the death of Rosa Parks:

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of one of our national treasures, Rosa Parks. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

"Rosa Parks became the 'Mother of the Civil Rights Movement' because 50 years ago she sat down, and inspired a modern Civil Rights Movement to stand up. She took the 1954 *Brown* decision's principle of 'equal protection under the law' to public transportation. That major step led us to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Open Housing Act - all of which helped make America a better nation.

"She was a very small woman who had a big impact."